

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) The magnesium salt of *S*-omeprazole trihydrate.

Claims 2-19 (Canceled)

20. (Currently amended) The magnesium salt of *S*-omeprazole trihydrate according to claim 1 represented by [the] Figure 1.

21. (Canceled)

22. (New) A process for the preparation of the magnesium salt of *S*-omeprazole trihydrate according to claim 1 which comprises treating a magnesium salt of *S*-omeprazole of any other form with water.

23. (New) A process for the preparation of the magnesium salt of *S*-omeprazole trihydrate according to claim 20 which comprises treating a magnesium salt of *S*-omeprazole of any other form with water.